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MGM boss wants to see a T.O. casino

Slick proposal. CEO's presentation featuring celebrity endorsements says his company would bring city $1 billion a year

Jim Murren says he thinks the odds are 50-50 that the City of Toronto will approve a casino. So the MGM Resorts International chairman and chief executive officer took his appeal directly to the city's business community Tuesday.

In a high-powered presentation that featured a slick video and celebrity endorsements, Murren said his company's proposal would bring thousands of jobs, a million new visitors and $1 billion a year in new revenue to the city.

"We believe no other city is home to such a dynamic mix of cultures, reaches out to such a broad international audience or lives the values of sustainability, art and design excellence as does Toronto," Murren said during a speech to a packed house at an Economic Club of Canada luncheon on Tuesday.

MGM Resorts is just one of the big casino operators interested in expanding north of the border.

Las Vegas Sands Corp. president and chief operating officer Michael Leven will address the club at its next luncheon, on Jan. 28. Other contenders include Caesars Entertainment and Woodbine Entertainment Group.

The stepped-up public-relations campaigns come amid a public consultation process. The city manager is scheduled to report back to the mayor's executive committee on the issue in March. City council is expected to vote on it in April.

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Win or lose

50-50

At his talk, MGM's Jim Murren gave the city a 50-50 chance of approving a casino, adding that other municipalities would welcome it if Toronto turns it down.

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Case reopened

Teen's body exhumed

In a rare step, Toronto police began exhuming the body of a 15-year-old boy Tuesday morning in connection to the "suitcase murder" of his older sister.

Dwayne Biddersingh's fall from the 22nd floor balcony of his family's Parkdale apartment was deemed a suicide in 1992.

But after his 17-year-old sister Melonie was found tortured, inside a burnt-out suitcase two years later, investigators now say they want to make sure they didn't miss anything.

The teens' father, Everton Biddersingh, and stepmother, Elaine Biddersingh, have been charged with first-degree murder in Melonie's death.

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Resident worries

Real Jerk's bid for liquor licence meets opposition

Not in my condo building. That's what some residents of Edge Lofts, a six-storey structure at 625 Queen St. E., are saying as Ed and Lily Pottinger, owners of the Real Jerk restaurant, attempt to obtain a liquor licence for their new location. More than two-dozen residents of the building wrote to the province's Licence Appeal Tribunal opposing the licence, citing concerns about increased noise levels and decreased property values.

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Ed and Lily Pottinger
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Bixi has mettle for winter pedal

Bixi bikes remain available throughout the year in the city, including at the corner of Bay and Dundas, one of the busiest rental stations in Toronto. Maintenance to keep the bikes running consists of replacing the bikes' chains, which rust due to the water and salt on the roads. Crews will visit 20 to 30 stations a day. Go to metronews.ca for the full story. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Changes target nepotism in Peel school board hirings

Inclusiveness. Board spurred into action after audit finds racial and sexual minorities are at disadvantage

In a rare bid to tackle the hidden role personal connections can play in hiring, the Peel District School Board will overhaul the way it hires and promotes teachers — from job postings to reference checks to how many people it takes to conduct an interview.

The move follows complaints that racial minorities have been shut out by principals who hire only those who look like themselves.

The sweeping action plan, unveiled at a board meeting Tuesday night, is in response to a tough "inclusion audit." It found many frustrated applicants who claimed that "who you know" too often trumps "what you know," and that nepotism most often blocks teachers of colour, teachers with certain accents and gay and lesbian educators.

Power in principals' hands

- The report by Turner Consulting Group, commissioned last year by the board after a number of complaints of discrimination, found many teachers were frustrated that principals have the power to "hire just about anybody they choose."
- Principals often conduct interviews solo without having to show how they arrived at a shortlist of three candidates from 500 applicants, or to document what questions they asked in the interview, or to explain why they made their final choice.

"I know we may face some criticism over the findings of the report, but there were enough employees who felt that way that we knew this was absolutely necessary and the right thing to do," said Tony Pontes, director of education for the Peel board, whose schools, particularly in Mississauga and Brampton, are among the most racially diverse in the country.

Some 60 per cent of teachers belonging to racial minorities said they don't feel they have an equal shot at advancement, and of those, 40 per cent blamed a lack of personal pull with the principal.

The firm surveyed 2,647 teachers and 447 non-teaching staff, met with 54 employees in focus groups, conducted 27 one-on-one interviews and reviewed 40 written files from job interviews.

The Peel board has adopted a 15-page action plan approving almost all of the report's dozens of recommendations, to create checks and balances that will help ensure a fair and inclusive way to mentor, hire and promote staff, starting immediately. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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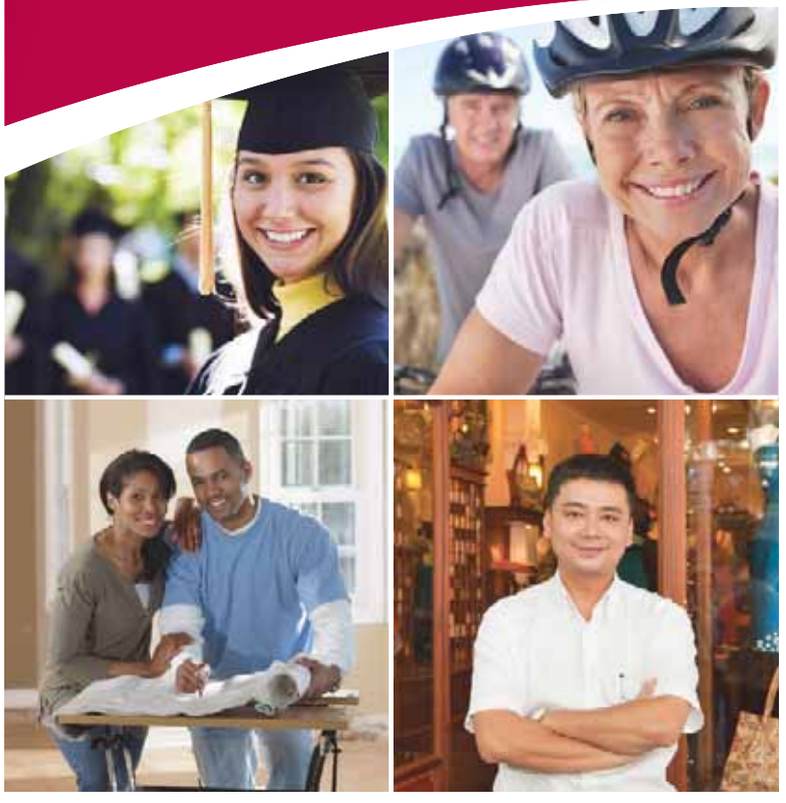

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Stroller problem complex: Study

Transit. Bids to limit size and style of buggies perceived as 'discriminatory against parents,' report noted

Roberta Romano poses with her twins, Tristan and Emma, on the TTC's Bloor line. KATIE DAUBS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In her stroller days, Roberta Romano hated leaving the house. Most TTC drivers and passengers were helpful, but there were times when the mother of twins cringed.

In 2011, one driver told her that if he had to lower the bus at every stop, as he'd done for her, he'd be late. Another driver told her the side-by-side twin-model stroller was too big and she shouldn't be letting her on.

This week, the TTC board asked staff to look at whether the system needs guidelines governing strollers. TTC spokesman Brad Ross said a review will be undertaken, but he doesn't imagine there will be a "significant policy change" with respect to strollers. Strollers used to be included in TTC policy that bars the transport of large objects during rush hour. But after a parent complained when she wasn't allowed on a bus during rush hour, strollers were exempted, he said.

A 2011 review of 42 North American transit agencies by the Transit Cooperative Research Program showed the stroller problem is common and complex. Policies seen as being most effective are those that limit driver involvement: Rules such as ensuring strollers must fit through doors and be kept out of aisles.

Raktim Mitra, an assistant professor at Ryerson University's School of Urban and Regional Planning, said the issue is sadly an emotional one, but it speaks to increased demands on transit. He said it seems more parents are choosing a downtown "urban, active, transit-oriented" lifestyle. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Human Rights Human Wrongs

Visitors to the Ryerson Image Centre take in one of the building's newest exhibits, Human Rights Human Wrongs, which aims to use the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a point of departure to examine whether images of political struggle, suffering and victims of violence work for or against humanitarian objectives. The display, which features 316 original prints from the prestigious Black Star Collection, is one of four new exhibits opening Wednesday at the gallery's 33 Gould St. location that fall under the theme of human rights. ELIZABETH BEDDALL/METRO

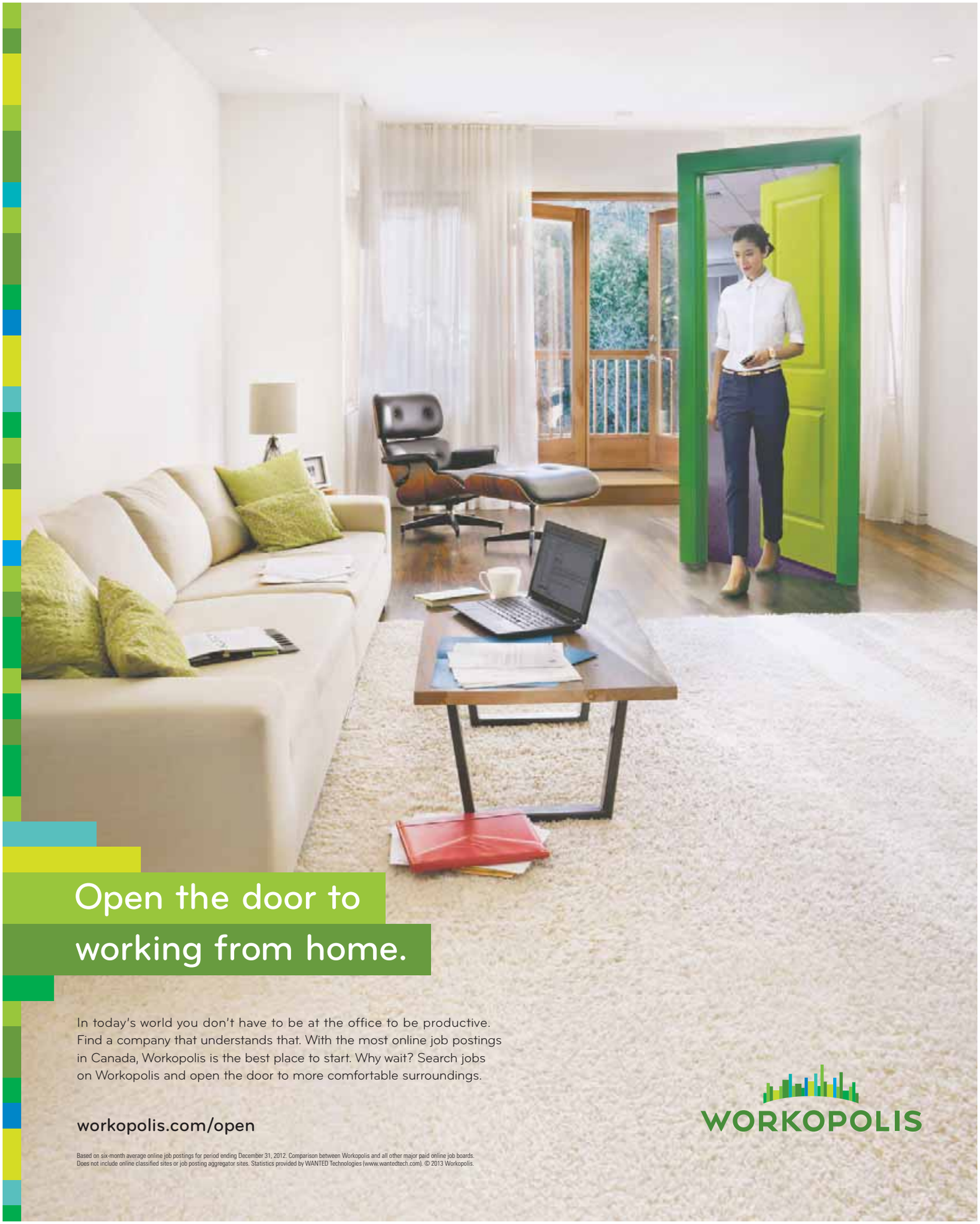
No parking. Ticketed while unloading your car in T.O.? Somebody's confused

A city councillor wants the city to stop ticketing parking-permit holders for unloading their cars in no-parking zones when the permit zones near their homes are full.

A police parking official expressed confusion about Coun. Paula Fletcher's request to study a possible 20-minute grace period for unloading. Drivers are already allowed to park in prohibited zones if they are "actively engaged" in dropping off people or goods and not blocking traffic, said parking operations supervisor George Johnstone. The Highway Traffic Act defines illegal parking as a vehicle standing in a prohibited place, "whether occupied or not, except when standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers."

"If they're doing that, they shouldn't be liable for a ticket.... I'm really not sure what the councillor is getting at there," Johnstone said.

Fletcher responded: "That's new to me, because people are getting tickets. So this is probably why it's good to have a report." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Big donations for Grit candidates

The next premier. Leadership candidate Pupatello is leading in campaign donations and delegate support

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The Liberal leadership candidates vying to be the next premier have raised $1,781,605 over the three-month-long leadership race.

The latest numbers, which include donations of more than $100, were the contributions reported to Elections Ontario as of Jan. 22. The data shows frontrunner Sandra Pupatello has raised $508,515, followed by Charles Sousa, who has raised $378,550, and Kathleen Wynne, who has raised $349,580.

Pupatello is also the frontrunner when it comes to the support of elected delegates, who are committed to vote in the first round of ballots. Wynne is a close second, but for Sousa, money did not translate to committed votes.

All of the candidates must give one-quarter of the funds raised to the Liberal Party of Ontario to help fund the convention. So far, their contributions total $445,401.

Some donors contributed to more than one campaign, including the Insurance Bureau of Canada, which contributed $25,000 each to Wynne and Pupatello, $10,000 to Hoskins and $500 to Sousa.

The largest single donation was $50,000 from the Limen Group, a construction company, to Sousa. Pupatello received $25,000 each from Barry and Clayton Zekelman, who own a manufacturing business near her hometown of Windsor.

One candidate, Gerard Kennedy, did not accept donations more than $10,000 and had called for a cap on contributions.

According to University of Toronto politics professor Nelson Wiseman, money usually has an influence in the outcome of the campaign, especially in one as short as this one.

Ontario Liberal party leadership candidates Sandra Pupatello, left, and Kathleen Wynne share a laugh as Harinder Takhar packs his papers following a forum at the Canadian Club in Toronto in December. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"You see, if you go by the (donation) numbers, you'd think Sousa is going to finish second, and he's not, as it turns out I think Pupatello is going to win," said Wiseman.

The fact that Wynne has a larger number of donors is a promising sign for her, he added.

"I think the numbers are misleading about Wynne, because what counts is more than how many dollars you get, it is how many delegates vote for you."

Wiseman said with large donations, there is always the possibility of influence.

"They want to be in everybody's good books," he said. "But you don't know."

Higher scrutiny on campaign donations helps alleviate those concerns, he said. "It's good that there's transparency, that we can see where (the money) comes from," said Wiseman. Wiseman added the cap on campaign spending — $500,000 — is high for a short campaign such as this one, and most candidates would not spend that much money.

In numbers

A rundown of how much money was raised by Liberal candidates vying to be the next premier:

- **Sandra Pupatello:** $508,515
- **Charles Sousa:** $378,550
- **Kathleen Wynne:** $349,580
- **Eric Hoskins:** $198,297
- **Glen Murray*:** $192,625
- **Gerard Kennedy:** $107,037
- **Harinder Takhar:** $47,001
- *Murray dropped out of the leadership race on Jan. 11.

This two-storey inflatable snow globe contains winter scenes and live actors to promote Ontario tourism. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Culture drives Ont. tourism: Report

They came, they saw, they were entertained.

According to a new report commissioned by the Ontario Arts Council (OAC), culture continues to drive tourism in the province. The report, prepared for OAC by Research Resolutions & Consulting Ltd., showed what many already know: arts and culture are good for the economy.

Among the key findings:

Nearly a quarter (22 per cent) of the 9.5 million tourists to Ontario in 2010 participated in "arts and culture activities."

Also, 39 per cent of all overnight visitors from the U.S. in 2010 visited a cultural attraction, while that number for overseas visitors soared to 63 per cent.

The economic impact of tourist spending on arts and culture amounted to $3.7 billion in GDP, which translates into 67,000 jobs and $1.7 billion in taxes across the province.

The arts-and-culture tourist, on average, spends nearly twice as much per trip as a tourist who avoids cultural offerings: $667 per trip versus $374 per trip in 2010.

The arts-and-culture tourist also stays in the province more than 40 per cent longer than a typical tourist, averaging 4.4 nights per trip.

Total spending in Ontario by arts-and-culture tourists totalled $4.1 billion in 2010, including $1.1 billion on lodging, $1.1 billion on food and beverages and $600 million on retail. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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A frame grab of the scene at Lone Star College, which was locked down Tuesday. COURTESY KPRC TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooting leaves three wounded at Texas college

Result of fight. Both people involved hurt, as well as a worker caught in the crossfire

A fight between two people led to a shooting at a Texas community college Tuesday and sent students fleeing for safety as officials placed the campus on lockdown, officials said. A maintenance worker was caught in the crossfire.

One of the people involved in the fight had a student ID, and both were wounded and hospitalized, Harris County Sheriff's Maj. Armando Tello said. A fourth person was also taken to hospital for a medical condition, he said.

The two people involved in the fight are considered persons of interest, Tello said. Authorities said they weren't looking for any other suspects and that they recovered one handgun at the scene.

The shooting, which happened before 1 p.m., sent students scurrying for safety on the Lone Star College System campus, about 32 kilometres north of downtown Houston. Some barricaded themselves in the rooms they were in, while others fled to nearby buildings.

Mark Zaragosa said he had just come out of an emergency medical training class when he saw two people who were injured and stopped to help.

"The two people that I took care of had just minor injuries," Zaragosa told a local TV station. "One gentleman had a gunshot to the knee, and the (other) actually had an entry wound to the lower buttocks area."

The wounded maintenance worker, said to be in his mid-50s, was listed as being in stable condition. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shocking, even now

"I didn't think something like this could happen."

Luis Resendiz, 22, who was studying on the second floor of the library.

Islamist occupation

Malian and French forces gaining ground on rebels

American planes transported French troops and equipment to Mali, a U.S. military spokesman said Tuesday, as Malian and French forces pushed into the Islamist-held north.

The town of Douentza, located 195 kilometres northeast of Mopti, had been held by rebels for four months. French and Malian troops arrived in Douentza on Monday to find that the Islamists had retreated from it, said resident Sali Maiga.
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Algerian crisis. Ottawa wants proof of terrorist links from ambassador

The Foreign Affairs Department has called in Algeria's ambassador to Canada to get more information on why the country's prime minister labelled some of the hostage-takers in last week's gas-plant siege as Canadian.

The Algerian prime minister said Monday that a total of 38 workers and 29 militants died, offering the government's first detailed account of the attack that ended in a bloody military raid, which he defended as the only way to end the conflict. Five foreigners are still unaccounted for.

Canada's diplomatic dressing down was part of Ottawa's ongoing efforts to confirm or debunk reports that there were two Canadians among the terrorists involved in the attack on the remote plant in the Algerian desert.

The federal government is operating on the assumption that, unless they can determine otherwise, any identifying papers that might point to Canadian involvement are likely fake.
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Israel votes. Netanyahu, hardline allies win slight majority, exit polls show

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his hardline allies fared far worse than expected in a parliamentary election Tuesday, preliminary results showed, likely forcing him to reach across the aisle to court a popular political newcomer to cobble together a new coalition.

While Netanyahu appeared positioned to serve a third term as prime minister, the results marked a major setback for his policies and could force him to make new concessions to restart long-stalled peace talks with the Palestinians.

His most likely partner was Yesh Atid, or There is a Future, a party headed by political newcomer Yair Lapid that showed surprising strength. Lapid has said he would only join a government committed to sweeping economic changes and a resumption of peace talks with the Palestinians.

Addressing his supporters early Wednesday, Netanyahu vowed to form as broad a coalition as possible. He said the next government would be built on principles that include reforming the contentious system of granting draft exemptions to ultra-Orthodox Jewish men and the pursuit of a "genuine peace" with the Palestinians. He did not elaborate, but the message seemed aimed at Lapid.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shortly after the results were announced, Netanyahu called Lapid and offered to work together. "We have the opportunity to do great things together," Netanyahu was quoted as saying by Likud officials.

According to preliminary results, Netanyahu's Likud-Yisrael Beitenu alliance was set to capture about 31 of the 120 seats, significantly fewer than the 42 it held.

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Reprisals feared after Prince Harry admits to Taliban killings

Media frenzy. Fevered press response reflects naivety about the realities of war, one British colonel claims

Prince Harry talks to a TV crew at Camp Bastion in southern Afghanistan on Dec. 12, 2012. Upon his recent return from a 20-week deployment in Afghanistan, the 28-year-old has created a media frenzy by admitting to killing members of the Taliban. JOHN STILLWELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Prince Harry's admission that he killed Taliban fighters while working as a helicopter gunner in Afghanistan drew intense British media coverage Tuesday and sparked concerns about possible reprisals.

The 28-year-old prince spoke in a pooled interview published late Monday after he was safely out of Afghanistan. He had spent the last 20 weeks deployed as a co-pilot and gunner in a heavily armed Apache attack helicopter.

Asked if he had killed from the cockpit, the third-in-line to the British throne said, "Yeah, so, lots of people have."

The response was immediate Tuesday: The Daily Mirror tabloid ran a page-one headline, "Royal Sensation Harry: I Killed Taliban," along with a photo of a macho-looking Harry in combat gear and designer shades. Other newspapers ran similar gung-ho stories about the prince's military exploits. "Harry: I Have Killed" was the story in the Daily Mail.

Video shot during the prince's deployment was shown dozens of times on Britain's major news networks.

In Parliament on Tuesday, Defence Minister Mark Francois praised Harry, saying the prince should be commended for his bravery.

Lindsey German, leader of the Stop the War Coalition, called Harry's comments "arrogant and insensitive" and raised the prospect that Harry might have accidently targeted Afghan civilians.

Former officer Charles Heyman, who edits a yearbook on British forces, said the prince's words may raise the already high threat level against him.

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‘Death video’ guard tells inquest of stress

Ashley Smith. Guard testifies about job woes, getting arrested after death of teen at Kitchener prison

A prison guard testified Tuesday about the shock he felt at finding himself at a police station under arrest, stripped of his shoes and facing charges in the death of a teenaged inmate whose death throes he had videotaped.

At the inquest into the death of Ashley Smith, Rudy Burnett said he felt as if he had been criminally convicted, even though he believed he had done nothing wrong.

“It was not a very nice situation. I was under a lot of stress. I was very agitated,” he said.

The calm, soft-spoken Burnett, who now works at a halfway house for men, also testified about the difficulties of being a guard in the prison system.

Among other things, he said, he had witnessed serious assaults.

“It’s very traumatic,” he told coroner’s court. “Over the years, you do sort of get desensitized.”

He said he relied on family and church to help him keep a sense of himself.

Burnett, who was charged with criminal negligence and failing to provide the necessities of life in Smith’s death, was grilled about his reluctance to give police the names of the other guards present at her death.

His lawyer had advised him to say as little as possible, coroner’s court heard.

Charges against Burnett, who had been pressed into videotaping the choking death of Smith in her cell in Kitchener, five years ago, were dropped.

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Ashley Smith is shown surrounded by guards at a Quebec institution in 2007 in this image from a video. HANDOUT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CORONER FOR ONTARIO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal. Boy, 12, charged after 16-year-old brother shot dead

A 12-year-old boy was charged Tuesday in connection with the shooting death of his older brother in a case that has devastated a family and left neighbours in disbelief.

The boy, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and striped trackpants, stood expressionless in a Montreal courtroom as he was charged with manslaughter and illegal possession of a loaded, prohibited weapon.

While authorities did not lay murder charges in Monday’s death of his 16-year-old sibling, they did not describe the shooting as a complete accident either.

“Obviously because he’s charged with manslaughter, it’s not an accident — the evidence doesn’t show it’s an accident,” said Crown prosecutor Marie-Claude Bourassa, without revealing the suspected circumstances.

“We just study the evidence and charge as the evidence leads us, and in this case, the evidence leads us to these very serious charges.”

Due to his young age, the boy faces a maximum sentence of three years in youth detention if convicted. He cannot receive an adult sentence.

His identity as well as his brother’s cannot be revealed because they are minors. The boy will remain in custody and is due back in court Friday for a bail hearing. The prosecution, which offered few details about the case, is expected to provide more evidence to the defence from the ongoing investigation.

“We objected to his release today based on the gravity of the offences and because of the information that we have as of now,” said Bourassa, who noted it was too early to say whether the Crown would ask Friday that he remain detained.

When asked by a reporter whether the boys’ parents could face charges, Bourassa replied: “For now, we don’t know. Like I said, it’s an ongoing investigation and there are a lot of people to be met.”

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Statement of defence

Reporter adds to allegations against Furlong

The reporter behind a newspaper article that accused former Vancouver Olympic CEO John Furlong of abusing students at a school in northern British Columbia four decades ago has included explosive new accusations in her statement of defence, alleging Furlong physically abused a former spouse and sexually assaulted another.

None of the allegations, contained in a statement of defence filed Monday, have been tested in court. Furlong and his lawyers declined comment through a spokeswoman.

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Quebec

Woman charged for allegedly poisoning 2 co-workers: Police

Gatineau police say they have charged a woman who allegedly poisoned two of her co-workers at a financial institution with an anti-psychotic last year.

The force says it received the initial complaint on Feb. 16, 2012, when two victims, aged 37 and 61, felt ill after eating their lunch.

“The investigation allows us to confirm the substance added to the food of one of the victims had anti-psychotic properties,” said Gatineau police spokesman Jean Paul Le May.

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Neb. governor approves new Keystone route

Oilsands pipeline. Alberta-to-Texas project still needs Obama's go-ahead to proceed

The fate of TransCanada's controversial Keystone XL pipeline was put squarely in the hands of the U.S. State Department on Tuesday after Nebraska's governor approved a new route amid fierce opposition from environmental groups.

Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman sent a letter to U.S. President Barack Obama confirming that he would allow the Alberta-to-Texas oil pipeline to go through his state along a revised route that skirts an environmentally sensitive area.

Because the Keystone XL would cross an international border, it requires approval from the U.S. State Department and President Barack Obama. The $7-billion project would carry bitumen extracted from Alberta's oilsands to refineries along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Alberta reaction

- Alberta's energy minister says he is pleased to hear that a major hurdle has been cleared on the Keystone XL pipeline.
- But Ken Hughes also says that Keystone, which will ship oilsands bitumen to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast, is just one part of the puzzle. He says the province still needs pipelines to Eastern Canada and to the West Coast to ship oil to markets in Asia.

The project has faced some of its strongest resistance in Nebraska from a coalition of landowners and environmental groups who say it would contaminate the Ogallala aquifer, a massive groundwater supply. Jane Kleeb, executive director of the group Bold Nebraska, says Heineman's decision is "one of the biggest flip-flops in Nebraska history. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Above, this All Nippon Airways Boeing 787 remained grounded on the tarmac at Takamatsu airport in western Japan on Monday after making an emergency landing last week. Japanese and U.S. investigators are conducting a probe into the lithium ion batteries used in the 787 jets, which are also known as Dreamliners. Inset, the plane's distorted main battery, left, alongside an undamaged auxiliary battery. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air Canada CEO still bullish on Dreamliners

Air Canada's chief executive is confident that battery problems plaguing the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner will be resolved quickly.

Calin Rovinescu, speaking Tuesday to the Montreal Chamber of Commerce, said problems are common with the introduction of new models and that he isn't expecting any changes to the 787's long-term delivery schedule.

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Rovinescu said Air Canada still expects to begin taking delivery of the first of the 37 Dreamliners it has ordered starting in 2014.

Currently all 50 of the Dreamliners that Boeing has delivered to airlines so far have been grounded as authorities probe overheating problems with the plane's lithium ion batteries.

In addition to the grounding, Boeing has halted deliveries of new planes until it can address the electrical problems.

The 787 uses composite materials instead of metals and Rovinescu says the aircraft will provide "cost efficiencies" of more than 35 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Air travel. Sandy takes chunk out of Delta's Q4 profit

Delta, the world's second largest airline, said Tuesday that its fourth-quarter profit was nearly wiped out by Superstorm Sandy and special charges.

The storm forced airlines to cancel more than 20,000 flights. The impact was bigger at Delta because Sandy also slowed its operations at its new oil refinery near Philadelphia.

Delta's goal in restarting the refinery was to maximize jet fuel production and reduce the airline's fuel bill.

But Sandy slowed the refinery's restart, and the refinery lost $63 million US for the quarter and added seven cents per gallon to the price of Delta's jet fuel. Delta expects the refinery to be profitable in the current quarter.

Net income for the fourth quarter was $7 million US, or a penny per share. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

$100M

Delta said Superstorm Sandy cut $100 million US from its fourth-quarter profit.

Retail. Walmart to finish 37 supercentres over next year

Walmart Canada will continue to expand its presence with new stores this year as U.S. retail powerhouse Target prepares to open shop in Canada.

Walmart plans to complete at least 37 additional supercentre projects by the end of next January, bringing the total number of Canadian locations to 388.

The U.S.-based discount retailer says nine of those locations will be new stores, with the remainder being conversions of existing properties into Walmart supercentres with a grocery offering. It says the company is spending $450 million on the expansion, which will create 7,000 jobs — half of which will be retail positions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Walmart Canada's expansion plans for this year include converting many stores into supercentres. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Holiday shopping. Black Friday helped spur retail sales growth

Stronger than expected holiday shopping boosted November retail sales in Canada, providing a needed lift to the soft economic environment at the end of last year.

In volume terms, sales jumped 0.8 per cent from the previous month, which along with a previously reported increase in wholesale activity, likely puts the month on a positive growth track.

"The introduction of Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping in Canada, which has traditionally marked the beginning of the holiday shopping season in the U.S., helped spur Canadian sales," said David Madani, Capital Economics' chief Canadian economist.

Analysts had expected a flat reading in November, and noted that sales are only up 1.4 per cent on a year-to-year basis, about one third of the growth levels recorded in the U.S.

The prospects going forward are for continued weak retail sales, given that Canadians appear to be tapped out after several years of borrowing to support purchases of everything from homes to cars to appliances. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brussels

AB InBev wins latest EU round in battle of Buds

Ask for a "Bud" in the European Union and the only one you'll get from now on is by the brewing giant AB InBev, an EU high court ruled Tuesday in a rejection of a challenge from the Czech company Budejovicky Budvar.

AB InBev claimed victory in the latest round in the century-long fight between the two companies over the right to put the word Budweiser, one of beer's biggest brand names, on their bottles and kegs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Calgary

Griffiths Energy to pay $10.35M for bribing officials

Griffiths Energy will pay a $10.35-million fine after pleading guilty to a bribery charge for payments made to officials in Chad. The Calgary-based company disclosed last week it had been charged under a Canadian law called the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Texas

Microsoft joins talks to buy Dell, reports say

Microsoft has joined the negotiations to buy struggling computer maker Dell, according to media reports.

Both CNBC and The Wall Street Journal reported that Microsoft Corp. may invest some of the money needed to take Dell Inc. private after 25 years as a publicly traded company. Tuesday's stories cited unidentified people familiar with the negotiations. Texas-based Dell, the second largest U.S. computer maker behind Hewlett-Packard Co., is one of Microsoft's biggest partners. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute

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JUST SAYIN'
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Even if you're not exactly sure why, you know this is a bad idea.

A Harvard biologist says it's possible to bring the Neanderthal back to life through cloning. All he needs is some caveman DNA and the womb of an "extremely adventurous female human" and voila!

Yikes! Troglotykes!

Yes, the Neanderthal is traditionally regarded as the loser in the race to the top of the food chain, rendered extinct 30,000-plus years ago, unable to overcome the challenge of the wittier, more upright, photogenic Homo sapiens, i.e.: us.

As prehistory is written by the victors, we're used to thinking of the Neanderthal as slow-witted, rude and, of course, extinct.

Recently though, the Neanderthal image has undergone a bit of an upgrade as scientists have discovered that they had a larger brain capacity than Guess Who. It also turns out Homo sapiens weren't so fussy back then when it came to sharing the cave … all of us have a little Neanderthal DNA. Which might help explain our rapid descent down the evolutionary tree after a couple of drinks.

Back from extinction?

Prof. Church thinks it might be a good idea to breed a Neanderthal and encourage him/her to use that excess cranial capacity to solve some modern problems.

But now, Harvard's George Church, who looks a little like a Neanderthal elder (robust, hairy), in a new book called Regenesis: How Synthetic Biology will Reinvent Nature and Ourselves, outlines how theoretically easy it is to resurrect extinct species, as long as we have viable DNA.

Prof. Church thinks it might be a good idea to breed a Neanderthal and encourage him/her to use that excess cranial capacity to solve some modern problems.

For example:

"Trog, how should we address world hunger?"

Answer: "Eat more!"

Or, "Trog, what's the secret to world peace?"

Answer: "Bash foe good!"

You can see how this could be helpful, as long as we stick to single syllables.

Prof. Church is a very smart man. He was one of the pioneers of the Human Genome Project and has helped launch two dozen biotech firms. But you wonder if he could do with a bit more of that vaunted Neanderthal cranial capacity.

Meanwhile, the call is out for that "extremely adventurous female human" to act as the troglotyke's incubator. Presumably, Prof. Church will be looking for someone with prior experience, like Rosemary.

But smirk as we might (and we do), this is ultimately a tragic tale. How would you like to grow up knowing your last chance to meet a nice girl and settle down expired 30,000 years ago, and everyone thinks you're one strand short of a genome, like the guy in the Geico commercial: So Easy, a Caveman Could Do It?

Exactly. It's fun until someone gets his feelings hurt. And then he bashes your head in.

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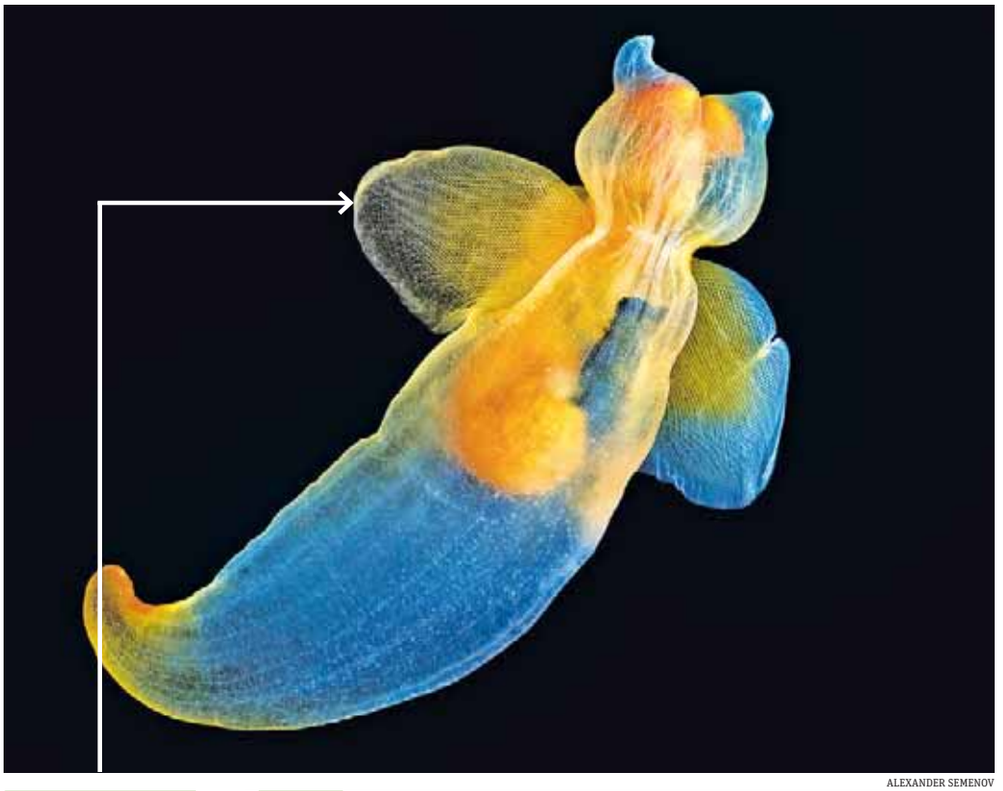
Angels swimming in the sea



ALEXANDER SEMENOV

Underwater shooting

Deep sea's beauty revealed

Think deep sea and images of creatures untouched by nature's beauty come to mind: fang-toothed angler fish, translucent sea worms and eerie squids, just to name a few. But this photo of a vibrant, rainbow-coloured sea angel in Russia's White Sea by Alexander Semenov shows a prettier side of what lurks below.

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Q and A

Sea slugs are vibrant

ALEXANDER SEMENOV
Photographer, zoologist at White Sea Biological Station, Russia

What makes deep-sea photography so special?

The deep water is a very diverse place for animals. The countless factors that affect natural life — salinity, water temperature, depth, different types of water — create a unique ecosystem, something that we will never see in an aquarium.

What presents the biggest challenge in underwater photography?

First of all, it's difficult to do anything in the water. It's tricky enough to stay close to your subject while making sure that your flippers don't churn up a cloud of haze from the bottom. The shooting process can be tough, too: you have to set the lighting functions at the right moment. But the biggest problem is temperature. Sometimes the water is –1.5 C — after 20 to 30 minutes, you lose the feeling in your hands despite having thick gloves.

Why the fascination with sea slugs?

I like all of the inhabitants of the underwater world but nudibranchs (a species of sea slugs) are particularly interesting as they are one of the most vibrant groups. They possess every colour and shape combination imaginable. METRO WORLD NEWS

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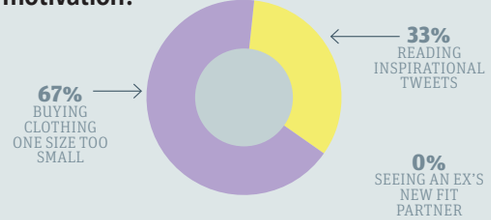

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@danspeerin: We'll just charge parents with strollers extra to use the Casino. There problem solved. #FutureToronto

@lisa71king: TTC has made clear on every media platform that the mystical threat against strollers is just that. Could the media stop perpetuating fear

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In Focus

The many faces of Parker

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In the movie Parker, Jason Statham, British action-man and Hollywood star, plays the title character. He's a ruthless career criminal with a twisted sense of ethics — he doesn't steal from the poor or hurt innocent people.

Sound familiar? Well it should, as the character is the star of 24 books written by Donald E. Westlake (under the pseudonym Richard Stark). Many films have also been made from the books, with Parker played by everyone from Lee Marvin to Mel Gibson to Robert Duvall.

If the movies don't ring a bell, however, it's because on film, Parker has often been renamed.

For instance, in 1967's Point Blank (based upon the novel The Hunter) Lee Marvin played the character named Parker in the book, but changed to Walker for the film.

In the '70s and '80s, the Westlake Parker novels remained popular Hollywood source material. Robert Duvall switched the name to Macklin in 1973's The Outfit, one of Quentin Tarantino's favourite films.

The best-known Parker adaptation is Payback in 1999, but with so many actors having played the character, who would Westlake, his creator, like to have seen in the role? "Usually I don't put an actor's face to the character," he said, "though with Parker, in the early days, I did think he probably looked something like Jack Palance. That may be partly because you knew Palance wasn't faking it."

Movie 43 director Peter Farrelly said he was surprised big stars like Halle Berry agreed to star in the film. HANDOUT

Movie 43 is either going to be Funny or Die trying

Interview. While the collection of bizarre shorts may include famous actors, the director doesn't see it doing well on Rotten Tomatoes

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Metro World News

Before director/producer Peter Farrelly will get on with our interview, he needs to make sure he's talking to someone from a real publication.

"Metro News sounds like something out of Superman," Farrelly says. "'I work for the Metro News!'"

After assuring him that we are very real, it's time to talk about the raunchy comedy anthology Movie 43, a project that's also very real, even if Farrelly is working without his brother Bobby, his co-director on such career-definers as Dumb and Dumber and There's Something About Mary.

You've got some big stars in this, some with Oscars. How did you convince them to take part?

Well, when we got Kate (Winslet) and Hugh (Jackman), Charlie Wessler, the producer, told them that Coen Brothers were going to direct them, and then I showed up and said that they'd had to cancel (laughs). I was nervous showing up with Kate Winslet and Halle Berry and Hugh Jackman. I thought when they got on the set they were going to blink and say, 'You're kidding. I can't be doing this.' Not only did they not, they embraced it like it was their first movie ever and they wanted to go for it.

Hit or miss

"It's groundbreaking and odd and offensive and critics aren't going to know what to do with it."

Peter Farrelly
Talking about how he expects Movie 43 to be received poorly by the critics.

How do you think approaching a project like this has changed since the advent of Funny or Die and the Internet in general?

The world's attention spans have diminished drastically in the last 10 years, so you can't just have a movie of shorts. What we had to do is have a wraparound story that explains what Movie 43 is and keeps you wanting to know what's going to happen at the end.

How much do sites like Funny or Die work as far as finding new comedy talent?

That's where we got all our new talent, in fact. Charlie would scour Funny or Die and the entire Internet for funny pieces and then contact those guys or women and say, 'Hey, that's hilarious. We're doing a movie of shorts, you want to write one?'

How did you decide which of the segments to direct yourself?

I just picked the best ones (laughs). Because I'm the producer. Um, no, I picked the ones that I thought were the funniest. And by the way, it's going to get about a six per cent on the Rotten Tomatoes scale if we're lucky, just so you know. Because it's groundbreaking and odd and offensive and critics aren't going to know what to do with it.

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Krivina was made on a mere $15,000 budget and still managed to find its way to TIFF. HANDOUT

Krivina a journey to find old friends, rejoin a war-torn country

Independent film.
Surprise selection to last year's TIFF, the Toronto film is getting its theatrical release at the Royal Jan. 25

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"I basically fell out of my chair," recalls Toronto filmmaker Igor Drljaca of learning that his debut feature Krivina had been selected for last year's Toronto International Film Festival.

On one hand, it's easy to understand why the Sarajevo-born York University grad was surprised. Shot over a period of three years on a shoestring budget of about $15,000, Krivina is one of the more modest productions to be tapped by TIFF in a long time. But it's equally true that Krivina, which is formally adventurous and thematically rich, deserves that kind of mainstream exposure — and it'll get more now that it's opening theatrically in Toronto at the Royal Cinema starting Jan. 25.

Quoted

"Nobody would fund this kind of movie. It's not in English, it's not in French."

Filmmaker Igor Drljaca
Speaking about his movie Krivina.

"A lot of people thought that what I was doing was extremely risky, " says Drljaca of the film, referring to its rather elliptical plot and narrative structure.

The set-up is simple: after learning that an old friend has resurfaced in his native Bosnia, Miro (Goran Slavkovic) travels from his new home in Toronto back to the old country to find him. But the film is deceptively complex. Miro's journey is less about finding another person than rediscovering a country ravaged by war.

"I wanted the movie to be about immersing (the viewer) in landscapes, in places that are disappearing," says Drljaca, who shot the film on location in the Bosnian village of Sokolovici, where he was able to stay with family.

Krivina's personal, handmade quality is palpable, and Drljaca acknowledges that there pros and cons to working so far off the Canadian production grid.

"Nobody would fund this kind of movie," he says. "It's not in English, it's not in French. A lot of people volunteered their time. But (working this way) gave me the freedom to take as much time as I needed to get it done."

Based on the evidence onscreen, Drljaca's patience and resourcefulness have paid off nicely.

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Sheryl Crow

'Honesty is always the best bet,' says Crow of ex-fiancée, Lance Armstrong

Lance Armstrong's ex-fiancée, Sheryl Crow, is speaking out on the disgraced cyclist's coming clean about his years of doping, admitting it would have been tough for Armstrong to keep it a secret much longer.

"I think that honesty is always the best bet and that the truth will set you free," she tells Entertainment Tonight, admitting that she'd only seen "bits and pieces" of Armstrong's two-part interview with Oprah Winfrey. "To carry around a weight like that would be devastating in the long run."

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Prince Harry on nude scandal

Prince Harry is finally speaking out about his nude photo scandal from his trip to Las Vegas last summer, acknowledging it wasn't his proudest moment. "I probably let myself down. I let my family down. I let other people down," Harry told reporters as he wrapped up his latest four-month stint in Afghanistan. But he doesn't think he was the only one acting inappropriately. "At the end of the day, I was in a private area and there should be a certain amount of privacy," he said. "The way I was treated by (the media) I don't think is acceptable."

Selena Gomez

Selena Gomez enjoying life after Bieber

Selena Gomez seems to be definitely moving on after her split from Justin Bieber. After playing a recent benefit concert where she covered break up songs by Taylor Swift and Justin Timberlake, Gomez was recently spotted running off with a "scruffy young guy," according to the New York Post. Gomez and the dark-haired mystery man shared a private car away from the venue, heading out to a night of partying around New York City.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

The Beyoncé lip-syncing scandal

THE WORD
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If you are one of the millions who thought that a triumphant Beyoncé trumped Kelly Clarkson's vocal prowess at Monday's inauguration, you should know a little secret: Beyoncé might have lip sang The Star Spangled Banner.

The Internet was abuzz yesterday with a much-circulated story that a spokesperson (who has probably since been fed to the wolves) from the Marine Corp Band, which backed Beyoncé (Beyonsync? Hackonce?) and said that the singer decided at the "last minute to go with the pre-recorded version."

Lip-sync? Beyoncé? Girlfriend ripped out her ear piece and then went on to nail it!

If her removing her earpiece was indeed just a dramatic, unneeded touch in order to fool us, her acting ability is much better than Austin Powers in Goldmember gives her credit for.

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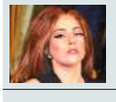
I would like to request that the word fiancée be replaced with beyoncé, for obvious reasons. Effective immediately.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You don't automatically look like me if you're chubby and have stubble and glasses. You have to be Jewish too.

On Friday, pubs around the globe will be fully stocked in tribute to Scotland's national poet – Robbie Burns. Born in 1759, Burns was a Scottish poet and lyricist celebrated internationally for such works as Auld Lang Syne and Address to a Haggis. He was voted the Greatest Scot of All Time in a national 2009 television contest. If you find yourself in Edinburgh, here are some ways to get to know the man behind the day.

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Edinburgh is Burns-ing

The Writers' Museum

The Writers' Museum focuses on Scotland's three greatest wordsmiths — Sir Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson and of course, Robbie Burns. Fans of great literature can learn about the bard's life through portraits, early manuscripts, personal items and, for the more macabre, even a rare plaster cast of Burns' skull — all set in the beautifully historic 17th Century Lady's Stair House on Edinburgh's Royal Mile.

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The Burns Monument

The 19th Century-commissioned Burns Monument was constructed to house a life-size statue of Robbie Burns. Although the marble likeness is now found in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, its impressive shelter still stands. Located on Regent Road, the circular, recently restored Neo-Greek-style temple also supplies a worthy view of Arthur's Seat — the stunning mountainous hill that rises above Edinburgh.

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Scottish National Portrait Gallery

Not only does the 123-year old building contain the aforementioned statue of Burns, but the Scottish National Portrait Gallery is one of Edinburgh's most neo-gothic architectural fascinations. Shortlisted as the UK's museum of the year in 2012, this popular museum explores Scotland's history through its extensive portrait collection of the country's most luminous icons, including everyone from Robbie Burns to Mary, Queen of Scots and even legendary actor Sean Connery.

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The White Hart Inn

A 16th century pub that boasts Robbie Burns among its past patrons, the fascinating White Hart Inn in Edinburgh's historic Grassmarket Square also claims to have hosted notorious 19th Century murderers Burke and Hare and survived an attack by a German zeppelin during the First World War. In the true spirit of Robbie Burns however, you should at least wrap up your day of travels with the pub's "wee taste of haggis with bashed neeps".

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Marvellous Marseille: The capital of culture

Europe's pick for 2013. The second largest city in France is the site of celebration for the continent's culture and arts

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Lost in the human tide gathered around the Vieux Port of Marseille, I witnessed the delirious enthusiasm that shook the city on Jan. 12. At 7 p.m., the "big clamour" echoed in the sea and the outskirts of Marseille for the opening of Marseille-Provence, the European Capital of Culture for 2013.

Earlier in the day, I walked through Marseille, moving from one exhibit to the next, dipping down into arts, multiculturalism and history.

Since culture should start in the streets, I headed to Les Friches de la Belle de Mai, some five hectares of land once occupied by tobacco and matches factories, looking for some kind of rehabilitation. MP 2013 chose that peculiar place to gather artists and to offer the visitor various forms of art, including graffiti.

I passed by to take a look at some new construction, a rough monument with four floors dedicated to community radio stations, theatre and dance companies, exhibits, a bookstore and a restaurant. Climbing my way up to the roof top — an amazing open space with sculptures, still under development — I spent more time on the first floor. The exhibit reunites various Mediterranean artists through the journey and exile themes.

Enjoy the graffiti in Les Friches de la Belle de Mai. ALL PHOTOS: AURÉLIE RESCH

If you go...

- **More info.** Although Marseilles is the city to visit in 2013 for this big event, don't forget other beautiful towns of Provence, which participated on the project. Check the following website for info on temporary exhibits, happenings and shows. mp2013.fr/?lang=en
- **Getting there.** Air France offers daily flights from Toronto to Marseille.

The moving combination of photos, testimonies, sculptures and films speaks to the heart of any traveller.

Later, through the maze of narrow streets, north of the Vieux Port, I reached the famous museum of La Vieille Charité, where I jumped into the past looking at archeological artifacts and visual reconstitutions of the Masillia Temple in Delphi. It showed one of the earliest monuments of Marseilles, built in Greece, highlighting the tight connection between this region and Greece at the time, revived with Marseilles being granted this 2013 European-cultural title.

Before heading to the newly-built Pavillon M by the city hall, facing the Vieux Port, I visited two fabulous sites.

Created by the very talented Rudy Ricciotti, the MuCEM is an architectural wonder sitting by the Fort St-Jean, steps from the Cathédrale de la Major.

A concrete lace delicately covers the monument dedicated to the arts and to exhibitions from each side of the Mediterranean Sea. The MuCEM is a beautiful place where talent, connoisseurs and the curious crowd like to gather.

Further, right on the docks, replacing the port warehouse, the Local J1 is a wonderful creation where rough industrial and marine materials mix with sophisticated forms of media to support a variety of exhibits.

The Pavillon M is a 3,000 square metre temporary structure dedicated to the program of the year of the European Capital of Culture.

Showcases, happenings, unique exhibitions and meeting with the artist will take place daily to introduce visitors to the events taking place in the region. These offerings not only occur in Marseille, but also in Aix-en-Provence, Arles and other beautiful cities of Provence.

So here I was on this opening night, in the crowd, giving a huge round of applause to Marseille-Provence, the European Capital of Culture for 2013. The excitement around me was contagious and I too felt proud and excited being here.

The fireworks, lights, sounds and water shows on the Vieux Port were just beautiful. So were the other events around the city. I managed to stay up on my feet and to make my way to various places where I could see acrobats playing "flying angels" above the streets, listen to concertos or watch the street shows. The night would never end.

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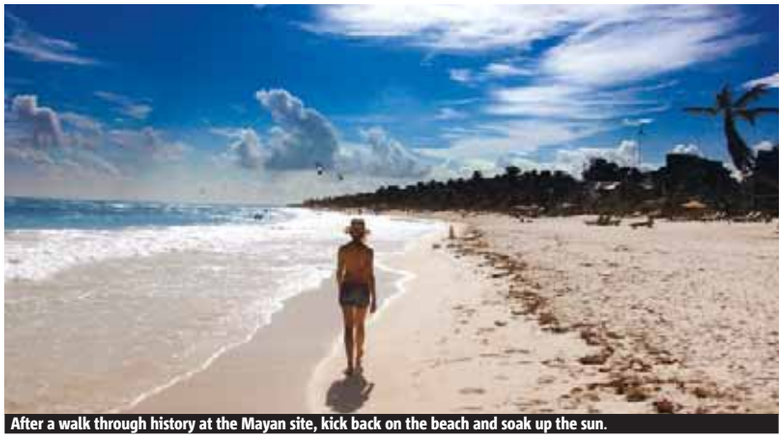
Tulum is probably best known for its Mayan ruins. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



After a walk through history at the Mayan site, kick back on the beach and soak up the sun.

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The all-inclusive Cancun resorts are not known for topless women on the beach or Argentinians with scraggly beards playing Gypsy music. But that's the norm in Tulum, a Mexican seaside spot south of Cancun that attracts a mix of bohemians, well-pocketed New Age types and sun-seekers to its turquoise waters and white sandy beaches.

Despite its proximity to Cancun and its fellow party neighbour Playa del Carmen, Tulum is not for the same spring break crowd.

"The college kids go to Cancun. The professors and teacher assistants come to Tulum," said Richard Contreras, whose family has managed properties in Tulum for nearly a decade.

That doesn't mean Tulum is cheap.

It's hard to find a room on the beach for less than $150 a night that comes with a bathroom.

Meals nearby cost just as much as they do in a big U.S. city.

January is part of the area's high season, which stretches from winter through spring break. Tulum is located on Mexico's lush green Yucatan Peninsula, making the weather perfect.

The bright sunshine was rarely obscured by fast-travelling clouds. December and January are among the driest months on the Yucatan Peninsula and offer hot weather, but no debilitating heat.

Tulum is about 145 kilometres south of Cancun and the highway connecting the two is well-paved.

"Tulum is pretty laid-back and chill. And I think most of the people who live here, work here, who have property here, want to keep it that way to a certain extent," said Mimi Contreras, Richard's sister.

Tulum can be divided into three parts: the town, the Mayan ruins and the beach.

Tulum the town is on the highway, about a 10-minute drive from the beach. Tourism has pushed the population to around 30,000 people, but the town retains the blueprint of many Latin American pueblos, centred around an open plaza or town square.

Shops, street-food vendors, hotels and restaurants catering to tourists line the main drag. In general, hotels and restaurants downtown are much cheaper than those on the beach.

Just past the town are the nearest "cenotes," which are water caves that are part of a network of rivers under the Yucatan Peninsula.

Tulum may be best-known for its ancient Mayan ruins, which attract a steady stream of day-trippers, cruise passengers and tour buses.

The complex of crumbling structures here is smaller and less impressive than some other Mayan sites like Chichen Itza, but its location atop seaside cliffs is one of the most scenic ruin sites on the Yucatan.

The complex is surrounded by a wall (Tulum means wall) and was inhabited for centuries before Spanish colonialists arrived in the early 1500s.

Entrance to the park is $10, which also gives you access to a beach where you can swim beneath the ruins.

Guided tours cost extra.

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Darren Parkman tests his equestrian skills in a river near Puerto Vallarta. CONTRIBUTED

Horsing around in Puerto Vallarta

Wild ride.
Darren Parkman discovers a new way to see the natural beauty of Mexico

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The Mexican resort town of Puerto Vallarta offers many things: sun, surf, sand and leisurely swimming with horses.

The idea of doing the breast stroke with a thousand-pound beast didn't exactly seem fun to me, but the actual experience was nothing short of a thrill-ride.

The equestrian adventure of a lifetime all started at a small but quaint tequila factory called Hacienda Dona Engracia, located out in the country about a half hour from downtown.

We started by hopping on some ATVs for some very adventurous off-roading into the heart of the Mexican wilds. We roared down muddy roads and through raging rivers until we reached the site of the watery horse ride.

After mounting a big horse with no saddle, I proceeded to hang on for dear life as he galloped into a very deep and raging river. Thankfully this horse was a swimming champ and managed to horse-paddle expertly down the river. Unlike some other participants, I managed to hang on for the whole ride.

A much tamer but equally enjoyable wildlife water encounter can also be found in nearby Nuevo Vallarta.

Vallarta Adventures offers a great swimming-with-the-dolphins experience that made me realize just how incredibly smart these creatures are. I couldn't help but smile as two of these friendly fellows planted kisses on my cheeks, before I hitched a ride around the pool by latching onto their fins.

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All-inclusive holidays are a no-fuss way to get a break from winter. However, there are a few things you should keep in mind.

Don't get star stuck. Unlike North American hotels, where stars are used to indicate a level of quality, the rating systems you see in brochures advertising southern resorts serve to differentiate the services and amenities offered. For example, the difference between a 4-star and 3-star hotel may only be that one has a tennis court while the other does not. If you are a beach bum who has never picked up a racket, why not save some money and stay at the lower-rated property? Additionally, there is no consistent system among the various Caribbean destinations and the tour operators that serve them.

Read the fine print and know what is included. Typical things to look for are: limited access to on-site restaurants, restrictions on alcohol (domestic beer only?) and additional charges for activities. Water sports are often listed as an included benefit, but ask your tour operator what that means. Access to two sailboats and a jet-ski may sound good, but remember they can be booked up quickly if you are sharing them with six-hundred other hotel guests.

Ensure that holiday promises are delivered. As soon as you arrive check that everything in your room from air conditioning to faucets are in working order. If there is a problem address it immediately. The turnover pattern of new arrivals makes it harder for hotels to change the room mid-way through your stay. Hold the tour operator and resort accountable to provide what was advertised by bringing a copy of their brochure with you.

Avoid the hunger games. That lavish buffet can start to look less than appealing by Day 4. Book a resort with a town nearby so you can make a local culinary diversion if necessary. Or at least ensure that your holiday home has a wide variety of on-site dining options. Remember that the resorts' a la carte restaurants generally fill up fast, so make reservations when you arrive.

Final tip — tip. Even if the literature says it is included, do it anyway. The staff will appreciate even a few dollars and you will benefit from the extra attention and quick service that your kindness should generate.

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Impress dinner guests with these easy Pesto-Stuffed Chicken Rolls

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This delicious, elegant and simple dish is perfect for entertaining. The rolls can be left whole, sliced in half or cut into medallions.

For the health-conscious, making your own low-fat version of pesto is preferable, but for this recipe a store-bought version is fine. Buy roasted red peppers packed in water, not oil, or make your own.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with cooking oil.

2. Working with one at a time, place the chicken breasts between two sheets of waxed paper and pound to an even quarter-inch thickness.

3. Stir the cream cheese and pesto together in a small bowl until smooth. Divide the mixture among the chicken breasts, spreading it thinly over the surface. Scatter the red pepper over top. Starting at the short end, roll up each chicken breast and secure with a toothpick or skewer.

4. Beat the egg and water together in a shallow bowl, then place the bread crumbs on a plate.

5. Spray a large non-stick skillet with cooking oil. Add the oil and place over medium-high heat. Dip each chicken roll in the egg mixture, then coat in the bread crumbs. Cook, turning occasionally, for 3 minutes or until well browned on all sides. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet.

6. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the centre. Remove the toothpicks and serve chicken rolls whole or slice the rolls into medallions.

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Ingredients

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (about 1 lb)
- 2 tbsp light cream cheese, softened
- 1 tbsp pesto
- 2 tbsp roasted red pepper, chopped
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp water or low-fat milk
- 1/2 cup dry seasoned bread crumbs
- 2 tsp vegetable oil

This recipe serves 4. LORELLA ZANETTI/FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN

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- 2 packets sugar
- Hot water
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Student voice

Win the race by keeping your eyes wide open

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When I was applying to the legislative internship position at the Queen's Park Office of MPP Rob Milligan, which was an unpaid position and was advertised on the UTSC career center website, I thought, what's the point of applying? It's obviously going to be very competitive, there is very little chance that I might even get an interview, and to top all that, there was only one position. I guess luck was on my side because I got a call from the Queen's Park office of MPP Rob Milligan to come in for an interview.

After that, three weeks later, I got the call that I was hired.

So I guess what made me a competitive applicant for the legislative internship position was the diverse skills and experiences I had on my resumé, as well as how well I was able to describe those skills and experiences on my cover letter and relate it to the position that I was applying for.

Samiha Fariha. PROVIDED

An internship at Queen's Park in Ontario offers a look at how government works. As a legislative intern to the Queen's Park Office of MPP Rob Milligan, I had the unique opportunity to work alongside politicians and had the great advantage of supplementing my academic training with valuable practical experience.

The legislative internship entailed a broad range of duties such as responding to inquiries from constituents and community groups, preparing correspondences with constituents, businesses and stakeholders and researching and contributing to documents, reports and private members bills. The legislative internship at Queen's Park opened my eyes and gave me greater insight and knowledge about provincial politics.

What I'm doing now

I am currently in my second year at UTSC and focusing on school.

My advice for other students and recent graduates

What I really recommend to my fellow students is to explore different opportunities through volunteer activities and internships. It's very hard to decide what career we want for ourselves in the near future, but if students start to explore their options through internships and other activities then their choices will broaden and their interests will expand to other career opportunities they never thought of before.

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Although there is plenty of research that illustrates the potential benefits to an employer of having a diverse workforce that includes persons with disabilities, there are certainly many misconceptions that could stand in your way.

When trying to decide the best way to proceed, it is important to first know the laws and how they can protect you.

What are your rights, responsibilities and obligations?

First, take some time to review the Canadian Human Rights Commission website (chrc-ccdp.gc.ca).

You will find on their site information on Duty to Accommodate, A Guide to Creating an Inclusive Workplace, and examples of past cases that are viewed as significant in forming and upholding the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The more you know and understand our laws, the more confident you will feel about what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour on the part of employers. This will ensure that you know what your rights are and how you can work together with a prospective employer to protect them.

However, regardless of how many laws there are to protect us, we still need to use common sense, instinct and judgment when it comes to any topic that may leave us vulnerable to discrimination.

Ask around!

Know another individual who has a disability and is working at a company that you are interested in?

- Set up an informational interview to talk about his or her experiences and get some first-hand advice on how he or she handled the job application process and how he or she was treated during and after hiring.

Thus, I encourage you to do research on prospective places of employment. Seek out companies that have a track record of hiring and supporting individuals with disabilities. Some may have company policies that promote and advocate for a more diverse and inclusive workplace.

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You get called into your boss's office and you're told that your relationship with the company has ended.

In other words, you've just been laid off. A whirlwind of emotions run through you: anger, shame, regret, despair. When I was first laid off last year, I was shocked to say the least. Until that point, I had never suffered a major professional failure. When I was laid off again later that same year, I was beside myself. Not only was my self-confidence destroyed, but I also believed that my future career prospects were shot as well. After all, who would hire someone who had been laid off not once, but TWICE — especially in today's ultra competitive job market?

Well, after I stopped whining like a petulant child, I realized that there were plenty of opportunities still available to me, including some that I hadn't seriously considered before.

Before I could come to that realization, however, I had to get through the initial post-lay off blues.

If you've recently lost your job and you're feeling as lost and confused as I once was, here is some advice to help you get past these difficult times:

Don't immediately jump back into your job search

After you've been laid off, your first instinct might be to go home and immediately start looking for your next job. This is usually not the best thing to do. Your emotions will still be running high and you're not likely to get very far in your job search if you can't speak objectively about your previous employer. Take a day or two to relax and cool your head.

Vent!

You'll undoubtedly have very strong feelings regarding your former employer, and the best thing to do is to get these emotions off your chest.

Whether it's ranting to friends and family or writing a strongly-worded review on RateMyEmployer.ca, venting your frustrations will help you clear your head and get you ready to get back to work.

Just be careful not to blast your former employer, boss or co-workers in a public sphere like social media.

Figure out your next step

Now that you're all mellowed out, take some time to seriously consider the circumstances that led to your loss of employment.

Thinking critically about your past job performance can help you pinpoint gaps in your skills or experience that may have led you to perform less well than some of your peers. If you can identify these deficiencies then you can figure out how to overcome them and hopefully avoid being laid off again.

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Leafs waiting to see JVR's full repertoire

NHL. Head coach Carlyle wants new forward to focus on using both size and skill

Toronto Maple Leafs forward James van Riemsdyk is a six-foot-four, 215-pound offensive threat, a hockey player blessed with a big body and a goal scorer's skills.

But Leafs coach Randy Carlyle would like to see more evidence of both.

"I see a guy who is in between.... He has to go to the dirty areas more," Carlyle said as the Leafs prepared for a game against the Eastern Conference elite Pittsburgh Penguins.

On a workout day Tuesday in which focus was on Jake Gardiner's potential return to the lineup, van Riemsdyk also became the centre of attention. Carlyle's assessment wasn't exactly flattering for the new Leaf, but it underlined the pressure to produce on every Leaf in this abbreviated season.

Van Riemsdyk and the Leafs outshot Buffalo by a wide margin in a 2-1 loss Monday in the club's home opener, and the storyline naturally shifted to the outstanding work by Ryan Miller in the Buffalo net.

Indeed, Miller was brilliant, but he has carved out part of his all-star career feasting on the Leafs lack of physicality in front of the net in recent years.

Newly signed Joffrey Lupul has been unheralded in the solid work he's done in front of the net over the Leafs' first two games. That territory, and the tough going all around the opposition net, should be dominated by van Riemsdyk as well, but the talented winger's slow start in getting his body into crash mode has the coach concerned.

Carlyle isn't about to ask his star forward to turn into Tomas Holmstrom or Ryan Smyth, the NHL's best when it comes to muscling into the zone in front of a goalie.

But there are subtleties the coach expects of van Riemsdyk; upping his physical game is a certainty, but van Riemskyk also needs to use the "soft hands" he has to generate more offence.

"I think I am thinking a little bit too much out there right now and taking away from some of the instincts I have," van Riemsdyk said.

"It is all part of learning the new system and playing with different players. Just keep working hard like I have been and good things will start happening."

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Sabres goalie Ryan Miller makes a save with Toronto forward James van Riemsdyk in front of him during the Leafs' 2-1 loss in Monday night's home opener at Air Canada Centre. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Power play shakeup

Carlyle had van Riemsdyk practising on a line with Mikhail Grabovski and Nik Kulemin on Tuesday to establish some chemistry for the Leafs' second power-play unit.

- The Leafs coach moved Nazem Kadri, right now his best offensive player, onto the frontline power-play unit with Phil Kessel and Joffrey Lupul.

MLB

Jays fill out roster with DeRosa

The Toronto Blue Jays signed veteran infielder Mark DeRosa to a $750,000 US, one-year contract Tuesday and designated right-hander Sam Dyson for assignment.

DeRosa's contract includes a $750,000 club option for the 2014 season.

The 37-year-old batted .188 with five doubles and six RBIs in 48 games for the Washington Nationals last season.

In 1,153 career games over 15 big-league seasons, DeRosa has posted a .270 average with 93 home runs and 458 RBIs.

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NCAA

Te'o's 'girlfriend' speaks out on hoax

The woman whose photo was used as the "face" of the Twitter account of Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o's supposed girlfriend says the man allegedly behind the hoax confessed and apologized to her.

Diane O'Meara told NBC's Today Show Tuesday that Ronaiah Tuiasosopo used pictures of her without her knowledge in creating a fake woman called Lennay Kekua. Te'o asserts he was tricked into an online romance with Kekua and, until last week, did not understand he was being hoaxed.

O'Meara went to high school in California with Tuiasosopo, but she says they're not close. He called to apologize Jan. 16, the day Deadspin.com broke the hoax story, she said.

"I don't think there's anything he could say to me that would fix this," said O'Meara, a 23-year-old marketing executive in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One more game for Nelsen as TFC beckons

New head coach Ryan Nelsen speaks with reporters during Toronto FC's media day on Tuesday in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Richard Eckersley plans to be watching when Queens Park Rangers battle Manchester City — because it's not every day you get to watch your new coach in action, moreover going out near the top of his game.

Ryan Nelsen has set Feb. 1 as a firm date for taking over as coach of Toronto FC. But first, the 35-year-old, who's an active defender with English Premier League side QPR, will play one last game next Tuesday.

"I'm excited to see him play bossing the back four. I tell ya, I'll be cheering for him," Eckersley, a TFC defender, said Tuesday. "It's a different way of coaching, but it's also good to see him on the TV, playing week in and week out."

Quoted

"I'm just really looking forward to properly being here full-time."

Ryan Nelsen, new Toronto FC coach and defender for the Queens Park Rangers

"In the long run I think it will benefit the club because I think he's going to be a fantastic manager."

Nelsen made the announcement at Tuesday's annual media day at TFC's new training facility in the city's north end. The 35-year-old New Zealander was hired Jan. 8 by new Toronto president and general manager Kevin Payne while still under contract with QPR.

There was speculation Nelsen would have to finish the season in England.

"I just had to be respectful to my club, and obviously the media is pretty ruthless, the fans are pretty ruthless, so it just had to be handled properly," Nelsen said. "It was always going to happen, once we sat down with QPR and had an adult conversation, and that's been done."

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Azarenka advances to Aussie semifinals

Victoria Azarenka plays a forehand in her match against Svetlana Kuznetsova at the Australian Open on Wednesday in Melbourne. Azarenka, the defending champion, overcame some early jitters to beat Kuznetsova 7-5, 6-1 and advance to the semifinals. After dropping serve in a long fourth game which went to deuce 10 times, Azarenka recovered to dominate the rest of the match against Kuznetsova, a two-time major winner who was floating dangerously in the draw with a No. 75 ranking as she recovers from a knee injury. MARK KOLBE — POOL/GETTY IMAGES

Monetary road ahead not all rosy for GM Nonis

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One of a slew of challenges NHL teams have this season is when to decide to be a buyer or seller on the trade market. The trade deadline was moved to April 3 to adjust to the 48-game schedule, but the reality is a franchise can put itself out of contention far before that. Even worse, there are teams that could find themselves on the fringe of playoff contention, unsure whether to push for the post-season or be patient in an attempt to build a Stanley Cup-worthy roster.

Many NHL people think that's exactly the predicament the Maple Leafs will be facing come springtime. Toronto has enough talent to stay out of the Eastern Conference's basement, but few view them as a playoff lock. They'll almost certainly be among five or six teams fighting for the seventh or eighth seed. And that will force GM Dave Nonis to a crossroads on a number of fronts.

One issue was solved with the signing of Joffrey Lupul to a five-year contract extension. But other tough decisions must be made on Nazem Kadri, Leo Komarov, Carl Gunnarsson and Cody Franson, all of whom will be restricted free agents this summer. Beyond more immediate concerns, Nonis also must worry about Phil Kessel and Dion Phaneuf, who both will be unrestricted free agents in 2014 and will want extensions of their own.

It's even more of a challenge for Nonis because the salary cap upper limit will shrink from $70.4 million this season to $64.2 million in 2013-14 and Toronto already has committed $47 million in payroll on just 13 players next year. He'll ditch some salary by taking advantage of the two amnesty buyouts, but on a fundamental level, Nonis must figure out how to improve with less financial wiggle room.

And he'll have to do so after watching this current group of Leafs for just 48 games — or less — before making those tough calls. So wish Nonis luck. He'll need it.

Leafs GM Dave Nonis will have some tough roster decisions to make this season, and not a lot of time to make them. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CTE can be identified in living athletes: Study

A new study has offered the first evidence CTE, a concussion-related brain disease, can be identified in living athletes, a discovery experts say could change the way professional sports treats concussions and head trauma in players.

Currently, chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) is diagnosed only after death, using an autopsy. The new findings are a step toward identifying the disease while players are still alive.

"It suggests we're on the right track," UCLA neuroscientist Gary Small, an Alzheimer's specialist and lead author on the study, said in an interview. "We have an approach or a strategy to detect the problem early so we can develop treatments before there's extensive damage."

In the study, published Tuesday in the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, UCLA researchers injected a biomarker into five retired NFL players ages 45 to 73 with a history of CTE symptoms, as well as a control group of healthy adults. They then ran all the participants through a brain scan to look for tau proteins, an indicator of CTE, locating significant amounts in the retired players' brains.

Experts believe CTE can develop in athletes after repeated minor head injuries. Symptoms can include depression, dementia, memory loss and suicidal behaviour, according to previous studies.

Signs of chronic traumatic encephalopathy were identified in the brain of Junior Seau, who shot himself to death last year.
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Signs of the disease were identified earlier this month in the brain of Pro Bowl linebacker Junior Seau, who fatally shot himself in the chest last year. CTE has also been diagnosed in post-mortem examinations of former NHL enforcers Derek Boogaard and Bob Probert.

Since CTE was first identified about a decade ago, the disease has also been found in brain tissue belonging to dozens of former American and Canadian football players, most notably through research conducted at the U.S.-based Brain Injury Research Institute, which funded Small's research.

The UCLA study uses a biomarker that has been used to track Alzheimer's. According to the study, it is the only imaging substance that can locate tau in living people. This, the authors say, is the first study to apply it to CTE.

Among the players tested, the biomarker revealed excessive amounts of tau in regions of the brain that control emotions and behaviour. Researchers found "a straight line" between the number of concussions the players had suffered and the amount of tau protein in their brains, Small said.

"That goes along with other studies that show if you have three or more concussions, it increases your risk for mild cognitive impairment and depression symptoms," he said.

Small stressed the study is only the first step in studying brain degeneration in living athletes with histories of repeated head trauma.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	0	9	4	4
New Jersey	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
NY Islanders	2	1	1	0	5	5	2
NY Rangers	2	0	2	0	4	9	0
Philadelphia	3	0	3	0	3	11	0

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Ottawa	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Buffalo	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
Boston	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Montreal	2	1	1	0	5	3	2
Toronto	2	1	1	0	3	3	2

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Tampa Bay	3	2	1	0	13	8	4
Winnipeg	3	1	1	1	6	8	3
Florida	3	1	2	0	6	9	2
Washington	2	0	2	0	5	10	0
Carolina	2	0	2	0	2	9	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	2	2	0	0	11	6	4
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	10	3	4
Columbus	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
Nashville	2	0	0	2	5	7	2
Detroit	3	1	2	0	5	11	2

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Minnesota	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Edmonton	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Vancouver	2	0	1	1	5	10	1
Colorado	1	0	1	0	2	4	0
Calgary	2	0	2	0	5	9	0

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	2	2	0	0	12	7	4
Dallas	3	2	1	0	6	5	4
San Jose	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Los Angeles	1	0	1	0	2	5	0
Phoenix	2	0	2	0	7	10	0

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Tuesday's results
Montreal 4 Florida 1
Winnipeg 4 Washington 2
Dallas 2 Detroit 1
New Jersey 3 Philadelphia 0
Tampa Bay 4 Carolina 1
Nashville at Minnesota
St. Louis at Chicago
Los Angeles at Colorado
San Jose at Edmonton
Monday's results
Anaheim 5 Calgary 4
Boston 2 Winnipeg 1 (SO)
Buffalo 2 Toronto 1
Detroit 4 Columbus 3 (SO)
NY Islanders 4 Tampa Bay 3
Ottawa 4 Florida 0
St. Louis 4 Nashville 3 (SO)
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Thursday's games
NY Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia
Men's Singles — Quarter-finals
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Rep., 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.
David Ferrer (4), Spain, def. Nicolas Almagro (10), Spain, 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Women's Singles — Quarter-finals
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Ekaterina Makarova (19), Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Li Na (6), China, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, 7-5, 6-3.
Junior Boy's Singles — Second Round
Hugo Di Feo (16), Montreal, def. Petros Chrysochos, Cyprus, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Doubles — Second Round
Jay Andrijic and Bradley Mousley, Australia, def. Hugo Di Feo and **Brayden Schnur (5), Montreal**, 6-3, 7-5.
Junior Girl's Doubles — Second Round
Ana Konjuh, Croatia, and **Carol Zhao (1), Richmond Hill, Ont.**, def. Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, and Giulia Pairone, Italy, 6-3, 6-1.
Antonia Lottner, Germany, and **Erin Routliffe (2), Caledon, Ont.**, def. Harriet Dart, Britain, and Hsu Ching-wen, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-2.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	26	12	.684	—
New York	25	14	.641	1½
Indiana	26	16	.619	2
Brooklyn	25	16	.610	2½
Chicago	24	16	.600	3
Atlanta	23	18	.561	4½
Milwaukee	22	18	.550	5
Boston	20	21	.488	7½
Philadelphia	17	25	.405	11
Detroit	16	25	.390	11½
Toronto	15	26	.366	12½
Orlando	14	27	.341	13½
Cleveland	11	32	.256	17½
Charlotte	10	31	.244	17½
Washington	9	30	.231	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	32	9	.780	½
L.A. Clippers	32	10	.762	—
San Antonio	33	11	.750	—
Memphis	26	14	.650	5
Golden State	25	15	.625	6
Denver	25	18	.581	7½
Utah	22	19	.537	9½
Houston	22	21	.512	10½
Portland	20	21	.488	11½
Minnesota	17	21	.447	13
Dallas	18	24	.429	14
L.A. Lakers	17	24	.415	14½
Sacramento	16	26	.381	16
New Orleans	14	27	.341	17½
Phoenix	13	28	.317	18½

Tuesday's results
Cleveland 95 Boston 90
Detroit 105 Orlando 90
Milwaukee 110 Philadelphia 102
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers
Monday's results
Atlanta 104 Minnesota 96
Brooklyn 88 New York 85
Chicago 95 L.A. Lakers 83
Golden State 106 L.A. Clippers 99
Houston 100 Charlotte 94
Indiana 82 Memphis 81
New Orleans 114 Sacramento 105
San Antonio 90 Philadelphia 85
Washington 98 Portland 95
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Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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The 2013 Nissan Sentra

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By comparison

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2 Hyundai Elantra
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Fuel economy

What the CVT does best is assist on the fuel-economy front. Thus equipped, the Sentra's rating of 6.6 litres per 100 kilometres in the city and 4.9 on the highway beats out the previous 7.6/5.7 numbers. A late-arriving "FE+" option will slightly up the highway ante.

The engine is a 1.8-litre, 130 hp

2013 Nissan Sentra

- **Type..** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan
- **Engine (hp).** 1.8-litre DOHC I4 (130)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $16,400

Engine

Another big plus for the Sentra is that it's close to 70 kilograms lighter than before. That's particularly good news since the standard 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine makes 10 less horsepower and generates 19 pound-feet less torque than the 2.0-litre four-cylinder it replaces.

Style

From the shape of its grille and the curve of the front fenders, to the roofline that tucks smoothly into a truncated rear deck, the compact Sentra appears as a modestly scaled-down Altima

Review. Nissan's baby Altima is all grown up and the family resemblance is uncanny

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If you measure style by the size of your ride and performance by how far it can go on a tank of gas, the 2013 Sentra should positively blow you away.

To misquote Honest Abe Lincoln, you likely can fool most of the people most of the time with Nissan's new Sentra sedan. Whether conducting a walk-around examination or admiring the view from inside, this car gives off a too-big-for-its-britches appearance. Compared to the outgoing model, it's only slightly longer overall and with more space between the front and rear wheels, while surprisingly being a bit narrower. The illusion of more generous proportions is partially due to a 1.5-centimetre overall height reduction. The reshaped body means 15 per cent more trunk space, which is now only slightly smaller than the Altima in that department.

More good news abounds with the Sentra's interior layout that's plenty attractive, especially the straightforward and intuitive dashboard/control panel. There's zero sense that you're riding in a cramped, uncomfortable small car. Rear-seat passengers will also appreciate the generous leg and headroom.

The new Sentra is an overall positive blend of five-passenger ride comfort and quietness, balanced with go-where-its-pointed handling competency. These are all traits that any decent commuter/grocery-getter sedan should possess. Add to that a successful attempt to push fuel economy levels to greater heights and you have a better-than-average urban compact that won't cramp your style, or put a crimp in your wallet.

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Parts Department

Whether it's a birthday gift for a friend or loved one or just a gift for yourself, here are some ideas for unique automotive-inspired presents.

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Exotic exhaust sounds

This is a radically wild, crazy and totally off-the-wall concept. And we absolutely love it. A company called iXoost that's based in Modena, Italy (home of Ferrari, by the way) creates these amazing Apple iPod-docking sound systems, custom made from the exhaust manifolds that were once used on vintage V8 Formula One racing engines, plus a 2002 Ford Cosworth V10 and Maserati V12. Each audio setup can be custom-designed by the purchaser as to which anodized colour combinations are to be used for the various components, including the speaker outlets, docking-station hardware and control button. Prices start at €5,000 ($6,500) from ixoost.it.

Model car art

If you were (or possibly still are) one of those kids who used to be totally and completely hooked on assembling model cars, then Jellio has just the item for you. The company's Drive In wall art draws inspiration from the Revell-brand model kits from the 1950s and '60s. The sculpture resembles the various chrome-coated plastic parts that were attached to what's called a sprue. You'll get a major kick out of identifying the various attachments, including wheel covers, bumpers, grille, fan blade, steering wheel and various engine parts. The Drive In wall art is 1.1 x 1.1 metres, is made from Polyurethane resin and is painted in metallic silver. You can order one of these limited-edition eye-catchers for $2,500 US from. jellio.com.

Zero to 60 in an hour

Here's a clever way to display your gear-headedness on your wrist. The Max Speed Speedometer Car Watch will show you the time of day on a group of miniature dashboard gauges, with a tachometer showing the hour of the day and a speedometer displaying the minutes. Two other smaller gauges indicate a.m. or p.m. plus the day of the week. The watch comes with a chrome bezel, while a rubber strap conveys a rugged look. For just $80 the Max Speed can be purchased from-gadgetsandgear.com.

Mug shot

Most of us keep at least one travel mug handy for that much-needed shot of java on the way to work or while on a longer trip. The Hot Rod Heated Travel Mug features a modern-day barista-style espresso handle, but in addition comes with a classic-car gauge that shows the temperature of your beverage. The eight-ounce-capacity mug features a non-slide rubber base and plugs into your vehicle's 12-volt outlet with the supplied plug. It also comes with a power indicator so you know when it's working. Purchase the Hot Rod Heated Travel Mug for $25 US from thinkgeek.com, summitracing.com or other auto-related websites.

ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

Safety recall take you by surprise? Fix it, but don't fret over it

Driving Force. Odds are there's nothing or very little wrong with your vehicle, but have it checked nonetheless

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It's the letter no one wants: the notice that your car has a safety recall. But while you should take it in for repair, there's really no need to worry. It's possible, and even very likely, that your vehicle is OK.

"Under the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, a company must issue a notice of safety defect, or safety recall notice, when it becomes aware of a defect in the design, construction or functioning of a vehicle that affects or is likely to affect the safety of any person," says Kelly James, media relations advisor for Transport Canada, which collects recall information and makes it available on its website (gc.tc.ca).

Quoted

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Recalls are issued when an automaker discovers something that could potentially fail and pose a safety hazard, such as faulty parts, design flaws or assembly errors. The auto manufacturer sends information to its dealers on how to repair the problem, along with any necessary parts.

It also mails notices to registered owners of the affected vehicles, informing them of the problem and outlining how to get it repaired. Any authorized dealer for your vehicle must perform the recall at no charge, although if the recall is extensive and parts are required, you may have to wait until enough replacement parts are produced and shipped out.

Cars can also be recalled if something doesn't comply with federal motor vehicle standards, which might be as minor as a warning label that isn't in both English and French. The automaker is required to include all vehicles that have the recalled part or design, even if the owner hasn't experienced any problems with it. The part may never fail on your car, but the company must replace it as a precaution.

Quite often, the problem will apply only to a particular batch of parts, or it will be discovered and fixed during production, and so only a specific number of cars will be affected.

Your friend may own the same year and model as your vehicle, but only one might be recalled.

To find out if a recall affects your vehicle, call the manufacturer or dealership. You'll need your 17-digit vehicle information number (VIN), which is on your ownership, or on the driver's side of the dash visible through the windshield.

Advice

- **Take note.** If you buy a used car, or if you move, phone the manufacturer and have your address registered to it, so any applicable recalls can be mailed to you. The automaker doesn't receive your details when you change the ownership at the licensing office.
- **Know the difference.** A technical service bulletin (TSB) is not the same as a recall. TSBs describe symptoms and what is possibly causing them.

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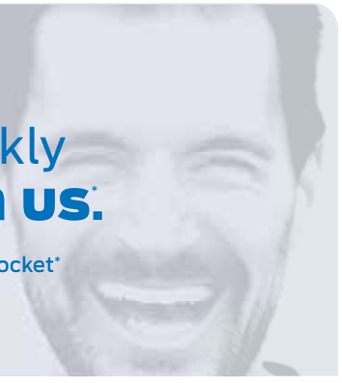

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A charge of [12]/[16] cents per km over kilometrage restriction applies, plus applicable taxes [Escape]/[F-Series]. ††Until February 28, 2013, receive [0%/1.49%/4.99%] APR purchase financing on new 2013 Focus SE Sedan/Escape SE FWD 1.6L Ecoboost®/F-150 STX Super Cab 4x2] models for a maximum of 72 months to qualified retail customers, on approved credit (OAC) from Ford Credit. Not all buyers will qualify for the lowest interest rate. Get the above for [$19,878/$28,328/$24,028] at [1.49%/2.99%]APR for up to [48/36] months with [$1,999/$0] down or equivalent trade in, monthly payment is [$277/$328/$358] (the sum of twelve (12) monthly payments divided by 26 periods gives payee a bi-weekly payment of [$128/$178/$178]). Interest cost of borrowing is [$0/$1,213/$3,834] or APR of [0%/1.49%/4.99%] and total to be repaid is [$19,878/$29,767/$27,768]. Down payment may be required based on approved credit from Ford Credit. 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Tech that! 2013 brings new gadgets

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Hyundai's Infiniti Q50 (above) has optional Direct Adaptive Steering while their HCD-14 comes with eye tracking and hand-gesture recognition. CONTRIBUTED

Last week's auto show in Detroit produced lots of eye candy, but also revealed several crazy new technologies.

Which is obviously the way it should be. Who wants an auto show to reheat the technological equivalent of last night's lasagna?

Here then are two Detroit tech debuts, which smelled and looked quite tasty...

Direct Adaptive Steering

Now there are lots of "switchable" steering systems out there — you know, the ones where you can select various modes of sportiness. Those systems typically recalibrate steering ratios, and in some cases, also engine and transmission settings. But the optional Direct Adaptive Steering system on the newly launched Infiniti Q50 is the world's first to also adjust steering "effort." It can do this because the steering wheel and steering column are not actually physically making the adjustments on the steering rack. Electric motors are doing it, according to sensors in the steering wheel — "Drive by wire" so to speak.

Each of the four adjustable settings will ask the steering rack motors to give the driver varying degrees of steering effort, like easy for highway cruising and nice and firm for twisty bits.

And steering wheel inputs can be translated to the wheels faster than ever — virtually at the speed of electricity.

Infiniti Canada's Tim Franklin was one of 30 or so lucky company execs that had a chance to sample the system at Infiniti's proving grounds in Japan. "It changes the whole character of the car, not just the throttle and steering," Franklin told us in Detroit. The other huge advantage, according to Franklin, is that road harshness is not transmitted up through the steering column to the steering wheel, because, well, there is no connection there: "It takes out the trash noises and emphasizes the feedback you want."

Eye Tracking and Hand-Gesture Recognition

Deep within the computerized brain of Hyundai's HCD-14, a concept of a future Genesis model, is the intelligence to do "eye tracking and 3D hand gesture recognition." This is how Hyundai figures we can get rid of all the distracting clusters of buttons and knobs on the instrument panels and consuls of today's vehicles — basically Hyundai's vision for the whole human-to-machine interface. Here's how it works: Via a heads-up-display in the windshield, the system shows the driver all the various options in the world of navigation, infotainment, HVAC, Smartphone connectivity, etc. To make your selection you keep your eye on what you want, and then confirm by a thumb button on the steering wheel and/or by making a gesture with your hand. If you selected stereo for instance, you can make it go louder simply by making another hand gesture in space. You don't need to touch anything. I'm not sure if the system will distinguish between these interface-related hand gestures and the ones motorists have traditionally been using to communicate their displeasure with other motorists. We can only assume engineers are working on it.

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Common Issues

As reliable as the CSX looks in the used market, proper maintenance is key for longevity in any car — so try and seek out a model that's been treated to regular oil changes and maintenance from its previous owners. Listen for any unwelcomed sounds from the suspension while travelling over bumps, which could indicate a worn-out suspension component in need of attention. If considering a CSX Type S, note any clunking or grinding when shifting into third gear. This is a fairly well documented problem in which a faulty synchronizer or shift sleeve causes rough shifting. A service bulletin was issued to address the problem. Inspect all interior accessories for proper operation, including the power windows, sunroof and steering-wheel mounted audio controls. Finally, avoid any used CSX model that has undergone extensive modifications to the engine or suspension by its previous owners.

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Engine

Standard was a two-litre four-cylinder with 144 horsepower paired with a five-speed transmission in automatic or manual. A high-output two-litre engine was available in the sporty CSX Type S, offering 197 horsepower and a six-speed manual.

What owners like

Overall value, ride quality, spaciousness, fuel efficiency and handling were highly rated by most CSX owners taking to the internet to share their stories. The Bluetooth phone interface was also appreciated.

What owners dislike

A numb and 'artificial' electronic throttle feel and limited driver knee room are the CSX's most typical complaints.

Verdict

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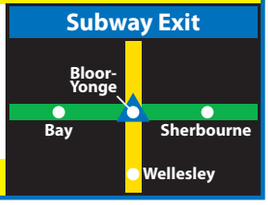

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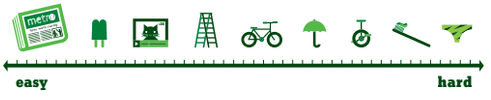

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't get annoyed if you have to amend your plans at the last moment today. If anything the changes will work in your favor. You of all people should know that few things stay the same for long.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Adopt a confident attitude today and you will accomplish great things. Go your own way and do your own thing and the whole world will look at you as if you are someone special – which, of course, you are.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your conclusions about other people's motives could be a bit off target over the next 24 hours, so think before you speak. If you don't know all the facts it might be wise to keep your opinions to yourself.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
According to the planets your rivals are waiting for a chance to make you look bad but they will only succeed if you say or do something foolish. Be inscrutable: don't let anyone know what is going on inside your head.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Something needs to be brought into the open where it can be discussed. If you are wise you will initiate the discussion yourself because that will allow you to set the terms of debate – and that means you'll win.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You must stop chopping and changing. The worst thing that can happen today is that you change your mind and your goals yet again. Identify your number one priority and focus on it to the exclusion of everything else.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Keep your emotions in check and try not to take anything too seriously. Today's Mercury-Jupiter link will make it easy for you to see what is important and what is not, and act – or not act – accordingly.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you want other people to back what you are doing you will have to convince them that the results will be as good for them as they are for you. It would help, of course, if it's the truth.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you sit back and wait for good things to come your way you will be disappointed, but if you go out and make things happen you will be amazed how easily you get ahead. The choice is (as ever) yours.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You cannot please everyone but you can please yourself – and you SHOULD please yourself. Whatever else you do over the next 24 hours make sure it makes you feel good. If others feel good too that's a bonus.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Mercury in your sign will help you get straight to the point today and that is essential as there are important tasks to be completed. It's not enough just to see clearly – you need to communicate clearly too.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You seem a bit fearful at the moment, scared you will either say too much or too little. The answer, of course, is to say what you feel and not care two hoots what other people might think about it. Toughen up.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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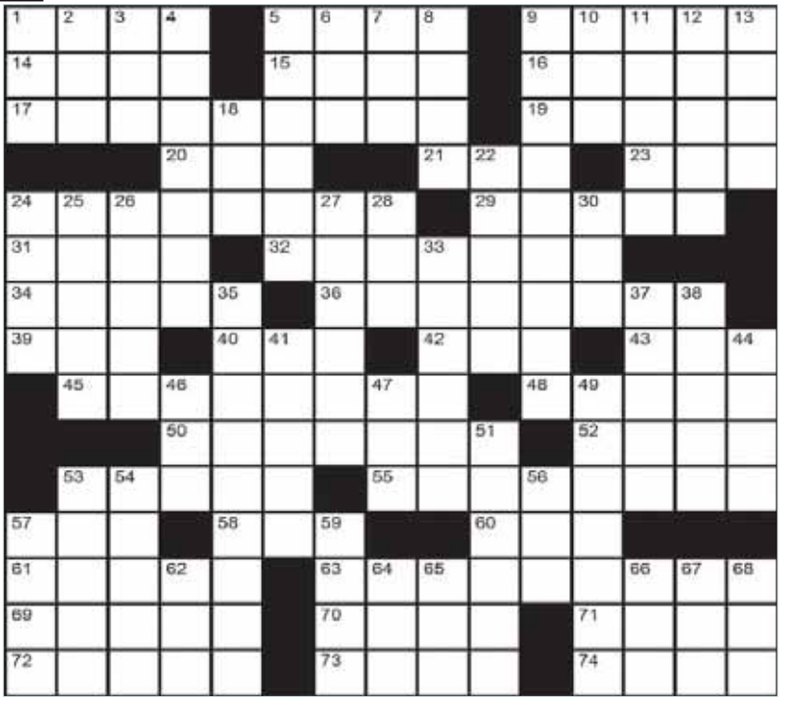
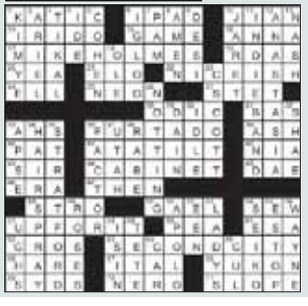


Across
1. "_ __ Good Men" (1992)
5. Poetry event
9. "The Marilyn __ Show"
14. Ms. Loughlin
15. Care for
16. __ __ Janeiro
17. Quebec City landmark, Le Chateau __
19. Insects sci.
20. Mavericks, on scoreboards
21. "__ be my pleasure."
23. Hosp. professionals
24. __ Blackcomb (BC ski resort)
29. Concur
31. Move, in real estate lingo
32. '90s series, "Road to __"
34. Then: French
36. Party platter item: 2 wds.
39. Polite abbr. in texting
40. Hardwood choice
42. Toy-made dessert, __-Cone
43. '_' __ for Newfoundland
45. Prime Minister Harper's
48. _-__ heels
50. Writer, Henry David __
52. "Is it just __ __..."
53. Bar seat
55. Lorne Michaels' proteges through the yrs: 2 wds.
57. Swiss river, variantly
58. Alphabetic trio
60. Cloth
61. Sniff
63. Tries out for "American Idol"
69. Mr. Mandel
70. Famous vamp.
71. Night: French
72. Lets up
73. Jedi foe
74. 'Kitchen' add-on

Down
1. Alien sitcom
2. Pro
3. 'Ranch' suffix
4. Canada's City of Roses
5. Designer Ms. McCartney
6. "Steal My Sunshine" group
7. Actress Ms. Ortiz
8. Gladiator's 1601
9. Gold Rush symbol in the Yukon, a National Historic Site of Canada: __ __. _
10. German article
11. Montreal's __-Dame Basilica
12. '80s hit: "What Have _ __ to Deserve This?"
13. Tiny terms
18. Ink-on-skin pic
22. Jean-__ (Montreal metro station)
24. Sandwich sort
25. AC/DC's "__ Bells"
26. "_ __ my keys!"
27. Conjure upper
28. CBC's "The __ James Show"
30. "Totally awesome."
33. Car company
35. Dramatist of ancient Greece
37. "ER" actress Laura
38. Ornamental edging of loops
41. '60s tune: "You Really Got _ __ on Me"
44. Stock units [abbr.]
46. WWII zone
47. Super __ (Old video game console by Nintendo, commonly)
49. John Lennon anthem
51. Metallica drummer Lars
53. South Pacific island group
54. "Not Ready To Go" by The __
56. Meower
57. Tennis great Arthur
59. Actor George
62. __ detector test
64. William Tell's canton
65. Info, for short
66. Away
67. Puny parasite
68. Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.

Yesterday's Crossword



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7		4			9		3	
				3	5			2
8				2		1		
		8					4	
		5	1		2	6		
	6					7		
		2		7				8
3			5	6				
	9		2			5		4

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	4	3	2	7	8	5	6	1
5	8	1	3	4	6	7	2	9
6	7	2	5	9	1	4	8	3
8	6	4	9	3	2	1	7	5
3	9	5	8	1	7	2	4	6
2	1	7	6	5	4	9	3	8
1	2	8	4	6	9	3	5	7
7	5	6	1	2	3	8	9	4
4	3	9	7	8	5	6	1	2

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2012 SEDONA

HWY (A/T): 8.0L/100KM
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